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This is the most recent version of the draft. Unless, anyone has pause, I will send back to Laura. Thanks, Josh

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Tomas, just chiming in quickly on the quote attribution question – the new policy (under Debbie) is for R9 press release quotes to come from the relevant DD, unless it's a really-big-deal announcement. This may of course change when we get an RA in place.

Cheers,

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Tomás,  
Thank you and Gail for your revisions to the draft. The quote was changed and assigned to you during the review process. If you have any other concerns, please let me know. Again, thank you for all of your help! -Josh

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Thanks All – I’m good with Gail’s edits and while we’re at it, I made a couple of minor changes to the quote (below). In the prior version, we had the quote coming from Debbie Jordan - did she not want it to come from her? We usually give her first right of refusal.

Thx

“EPA is proud to promote Marin County’s COW Program, which supports effective agricultural stewardship practices that reduce sediment, nutrient, and bacteria runoff,” **said EPA Pacific Southwest Water Divison Director Tomás Torres.** “we are pleased that this grant has empowered local stakeholders to improve water quality and the ecological health of Marin County’s watersheds”.

Tomás Torres

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Thank you, Gail! I’ve gone ahead and CC’ed Josh.

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The Regional Boards do not need to apply for the PY they receive through the 319 grant. The State Board’s application includes Regional Board workplans and pre-determined PY. Thus, I suggest revising that sentence to read as follows:

In 2021, the State Board is eligible to apply for \$9 million in federal funds to support statewide programs to address priority nonpoint sources of pollution, conduct inspections, and work with stakeholders to find effective solutions for water quality problems.

I have made that edit (and responded to some of Laura’s comments) in the attached. Do you want me to send this to Josh? Thanks.

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Hi Team, I didn't catch this before, but the sentence below caught my eye. Is the sentence below referring to the non-competed funds that go to the Regional Boards? If so, do we need to state that the Regional Boards are eligible to apply for these funds? I thought there was a set allocation that goes to each RB. Either way, the sentence needs a bit of adjustment. Thanks!

**In 2021, California Regional Water Quality Control Boards are eligible to apply to the State Board to access \$9 million in federal funds to address priority nonpoint sources of pollution, conduct inspections, and work with stakeholders to find effective solutions for water quality problems.**

Tomás Torres

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Edited per Tomás' message, but may need his concurrence on these changes.

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